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SUBJECT: ASSAULT ON OFFICER'S RESIDENCE

1. ON FEBRUARY 19 AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 THREE MEN BROKE INTO THE RESIDENCE OF THE COMMUNICATION OFFICER, EDWARD SMITH, AND ATTACKED HIS WIFE. MRS SMITH RESISTED THE ATTACKERS, HITTING ONE ON THE HEAD WITH A VASE, AND THEY FLED WITHOUT TAKING ANYTHING. MRS SMITH WAS BRUISED AND BADLY SHAKEN BUT NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

2. THE THIEVES ENTERED THE HOUSE THROUGH A BASEMENT WINDOW, CAME UP THE STAIRS TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND FORCED OPEN A LOCKED SECURITY GATE AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS. THEIR INTENT WAS PROBABLY ROBBERY AND THEY TRIED TO FORCE MRS SMITH INTO A REAR BEDROOM. SHE THEN GRABBED A LARGE VASE AND SMASHED IT OVER THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE ATTACKERS. APPARENTLY, HER RESISTENCE DISCOURAGED THEM BECAUSE THEY RAN OFF, EXITING BY THE BACK DOOR. THEY LEFT THEIR SHOES, A SHIRT AND A HAT BEHIND IN THEIR HASTE. THE POLICE WERE INFORMED AND THEY ARE INVESTIGATING, BUT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THE ATTACKERS WILL BE LOCATED.

3. THIS IS TYPICAL OF THE WAVE OF DAYLIGHT ROBBERIES SWEEPING THROUGH THE EUROPEAN SECTOR OF THE CITY. MANY HOMES HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO DURING THE DAY WHEN THE THIEVES THINK THE OWNER IS AWAY FROM THE HOUSE. OTHER HOUSES WITH SECURITY GATES

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HAVE ALSO BEEN ENTERED, GENERALLY BY THIEVES USING CROWBARS.

4. TO IMPROVE OUR SECURITT WE HAVE ARRANGED WITH THE LOCAL POLICE TO AUGMENT OUR PRESENT GUARD FORCE, THAT IS ON DUTY FROM 2300-0700 DAILY TO A 24 HOUR SERVICE. THIS WILL GO INTO EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 19. THE INCREASED COST FOR THE THREE IN-TOWN RESIDENCES IS APPROXIMATELY \$10,700 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

5. FOR DEPT. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS SITUATION, WE REQUEST THAT OUR BUDGET BE INCREASED BY THE ABOVE AMOUNT TO COVER AROUND-THE-CLOCK POLICE GUARDS. THESE ARE OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN WORKING OVERTIME AND WE PAY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY FOR THEIR SERVICES.

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